Library Media Center
On behalf of the library media center, greetings and welcome to R.M Marrs Magnet School! It is our goal to support classroom instruction and provide resources and assistance whenever possible. The following information illustrates the mission statement and goals of the Library Services program at OPS. Next, please find resources available from Marrs Magnet school library.

Omaha Public Schools Library Media Program Mission Statement:
The mission of the library media program and curriculum is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to become an independent and responsible user of information and explorer of concepts.

Goal Statements
Students will access information efficiently and effectively.
Students will evaluate information critically and competently.
Students will use information accurately and creatively.
Students will pursue information related to personal interests.
Students will appreciate literature and other creative expressions of information.
Students will strive for excellence in information seeking and knowledge generation.
Students will recognize the importance of information to a democratic society.
Students will practice ethical behavior in regard to information and information technology.
Students will participate effectively in groups to pursue and generate information.

Opportunities and resources available at R.M. Marrs Magnet Center Library:
- Collaboration between classroom teacher and Library-Media Specialist
- Resources selected to support grades five through eight Omaha Public School curriculum including: fiction, nonfiction, reference materials, children’s literature, Spanish-language materials, rotating audio book collection, video/dvd collection, magazines, tape players, tv/vcr carts, lcd projectors, etc.
- Accelerated reader database and materials.
- Macintosh and PC platforms with sixteen available computers for student use.
- Several clubs are available to students including Golden Sower program, Manga club (Japanese anime), Library Advisory Board, Frequent Readers Club. (dependent on student interests)
- OPS databases including:
  - Grolier online encyclopedia (Home access: [www.ops.org/ls/license/home.html](http://www.ops.org/ls/license/home.html))
    Login: library Password: Grolier
  - EBSCO database (Home access: [http://search.epnet.com](http://search.epnet.com))
    Login: “omaha” Password: “nebraska”
- Wireless internet available for laptop computers.
- Teen Reading Zone with comfortable seating, chess and various other games
- Library Webpage with classroom links, teacher resource page, information resources, new arrivals, etc.

Using the R.M. Marrs Magnet Center Library:
- Teachers can collaborate with media specialist for a variety of lessons for one period, a block, or several days or weeks. Please visit the media center for possible collaborative activities and ideas.
- The library is open throughout the day for student and staff use:
  - Mornings-the library is staffed by three faculty members. Students can enter between 7:10 a.m. and 7:25 a.m. They are then dismissed at 7:35 a.m.
  - Throughout the day, students can visit the library with their class, independently, or in groups of up to four with a library pass (include times and reason for visit.) Students must sign in upon entering and sign out when leaving.
  - After school, dependent on staff availability – Students should check with librarian.
- Students can check out up to five items for two weeks. Faculty use as needed.

Using AV materials at R.M. Marrs
- All videos and dvds not owned by Marrs or Omaha Public Schools should be approved by the Curriculum and Learning department at TAC. Full-length feature films and video over sixty minutes should be used in small increments and tied into your curriculum.
- At Marrs, we are fortunate to have a media retrieval system. Videos and dvds can be broadcast over one of our television channels. Each Video/DVD unit is operated by the teacher via their classroom telephones.